

The Ohio Scholars in Aging Program: Major Accomplishments and Plans for the Future

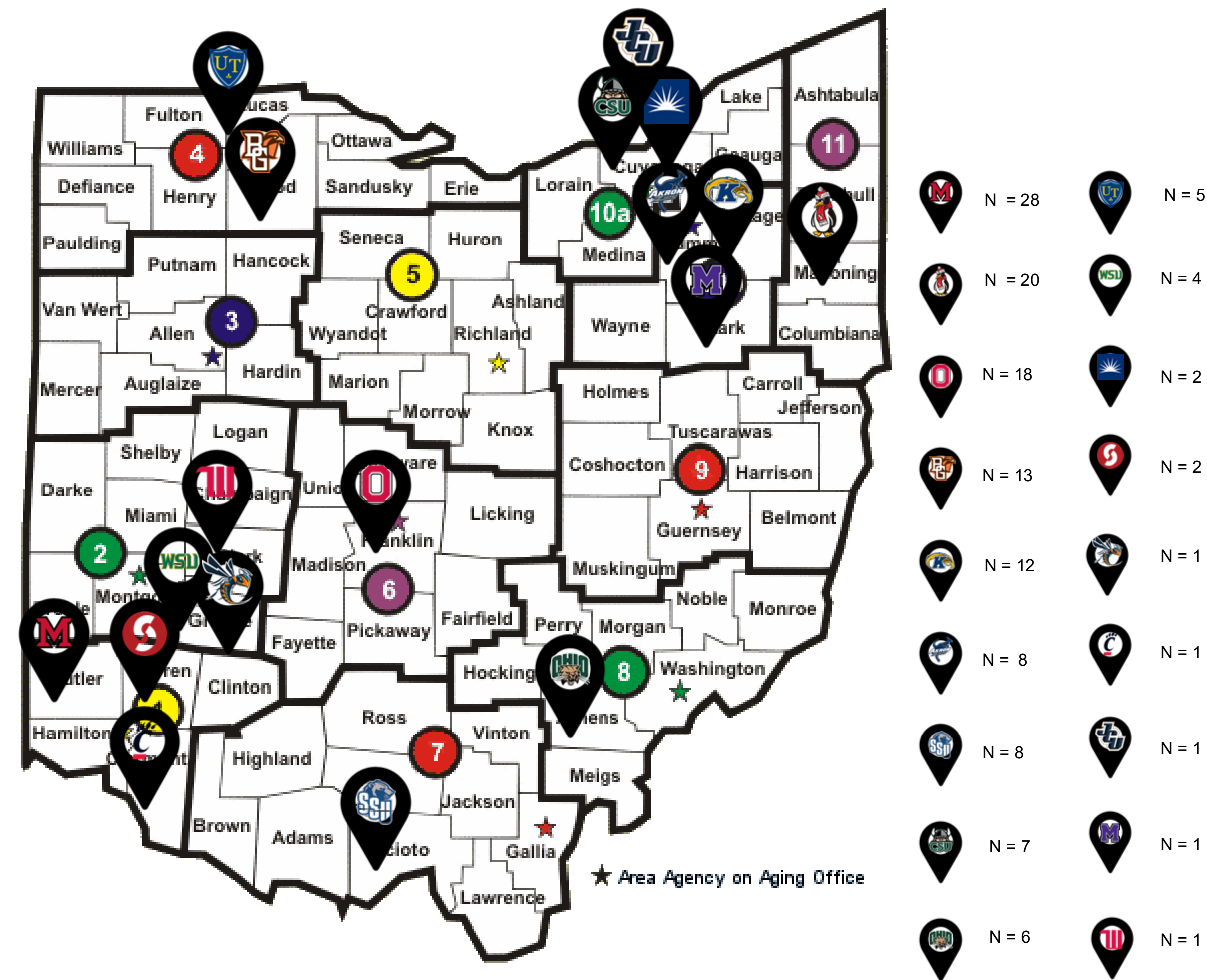
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INTRODUCTION

- The Ohio Scholars in Aging Program is a collaboration between the Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education (OAGE) and the Ohio Department of Aging (AGE).
- The program is an opportunity for students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree and enrolled in an aging related experience (e.g., internship/practicum, service learning, research project).
- The purpose is to build Ohio’s aging network and general workforce to meet the opportunities & challenges presented by an aging society.
- This poster presents an overview of the 158 scholars who completed the program between 2013 - 2025, Scholar successes, and next steps.

WHAT SCHOOLS DID/DO THE SCHOLARS REPRESENT?



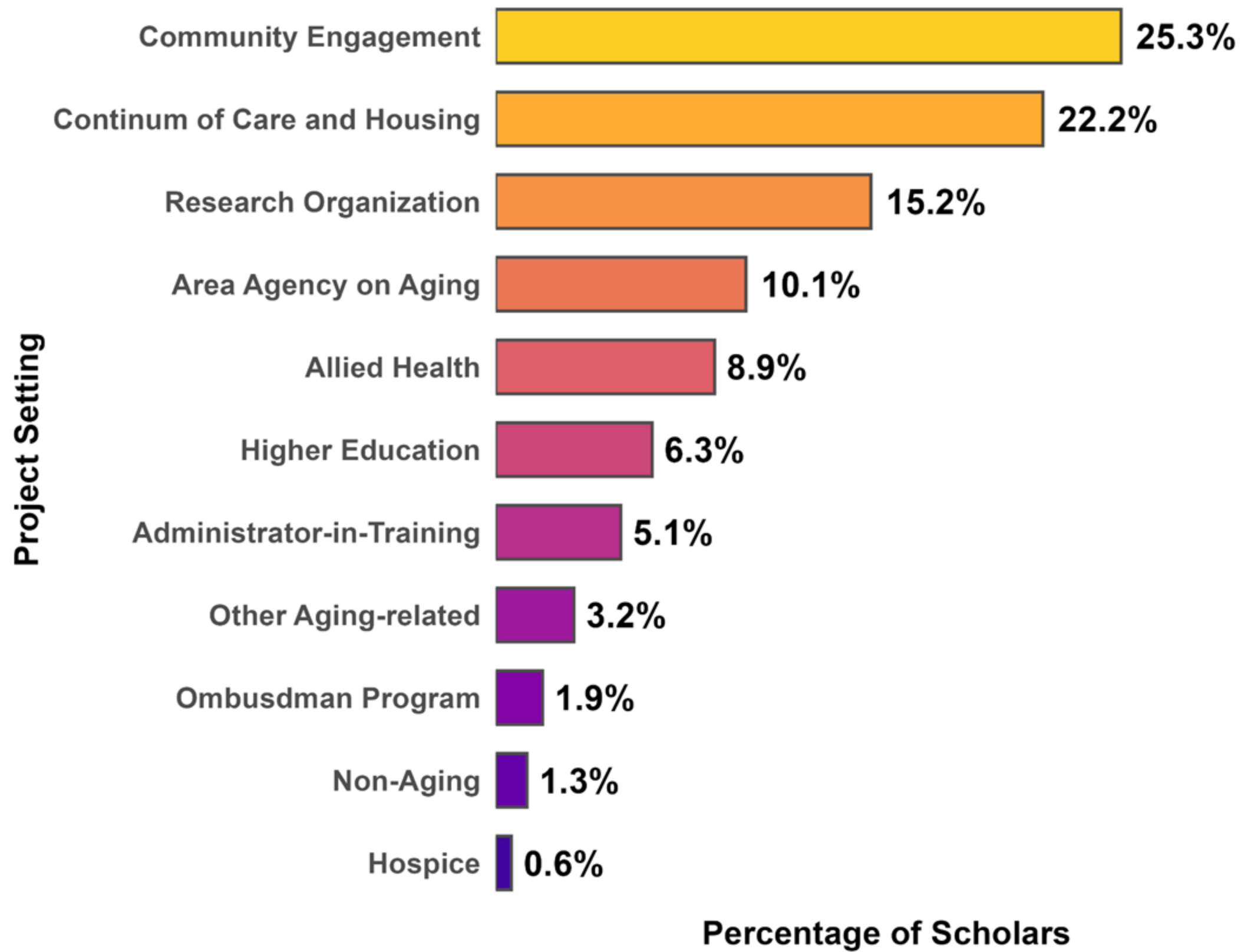
Scholars especially valued:

- *Experiential learning, such as the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) & Ohio Statehouse visits*
- *“Meet and greets” with agency leadership & lawmakers and*
- *Most participants indicated the program influenced their desire to seek further studies or employment in the aging network*

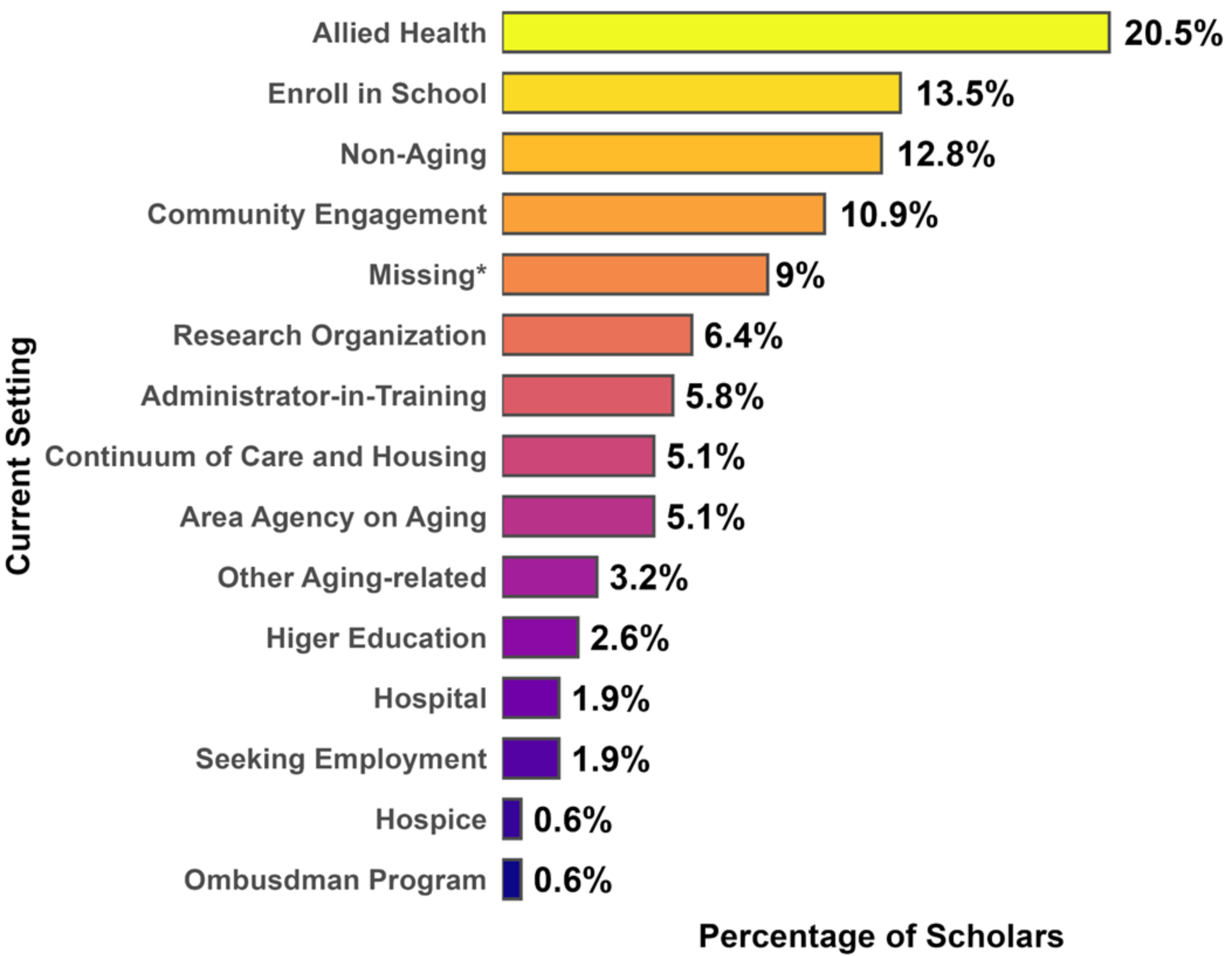
Lessons learned & next steps:

- *Partnerships are essential;*
- *Recruit participants from as diverse disciplinary backgrounds as possible;*
- *Provide professional development opportunities soon and often; and*
- *Build and document connections within and among cohorts of scholars/alumni scholars.*

WHERE DID THE PARTICIPANTS DO THEIR PROJECT? (2013-2025)



WHERE ARE THE ALUMNI SCHOLARS NOW? (Spring 2026)



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